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IN REPLY REFER TO HDA-CA Document # 47222

Mr. Will Kempton, Director California Department of Transportation 1120 N Street Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 – 2006/07 FSTIP Amendment No. 2 – Madera County Transportation

Commission (MCTC)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 2 to the MCTC 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated April 19, 2005. MCTC adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 04-13 on December 8, 2004.

This amendment modifies or deletes various projects that are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 program.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the MCTC FTIP by this amendment do not require new emissions modeling because they include projects determined to be the types listed in 40 CFR 93.126 & 127 as being exempt from any regional emissions analysis. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is provided in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX, dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the MCTC's FTIP Amendment No. 2 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Mr. Ted Matley of the FTA, Region IX office at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration /s/ K. Sue Kiser

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